COMMONS FOR SUFFRAGE BILL,

THAT IS, AS FAR AS A COMPLI-MENTARY VOTE GOES.

Measure for "Votes for Women" Passes Second Reading by 271 to 92 in English House, but Is Sent to Committee of the Whole-Likely Now to Be Shelved.

Special Cable Depatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 28 .- The House of Comand interest to the event. The audience mons this afternoon debated the woman packed Sibley dome. Kee, who is a Chinasuffrage bill, which came up on second reading. It is a private bill and is identical of the evening. Her self-possession and with the Dickenson bill that was talked

The suffragettes, learning discretion from evils of the trust problem. Overcapitalithe effects of their demonstration in the zation and lack of publicity were the two gailery of the House last year, this time big factors to be considered. They furstaved away

Last year the Speaker allowed the bill to be talked out. To-day he accepted a motion for cloture, and then by a vote of 271 to 92 the House rejected a hostile amendment and decided to refer the bill to the committee of the whole. There was some remarkable cross voting in the division. Six members of the Government, headed by Chancellor of the Exchequer Asquith, opposed twelve members, including Foreign Secretary Grey, Indian Secretary Morley. War Secretary Haldane, Home Secretary Gladstone and President of Local Government Board Burns, who supported the measure.

Although the bill thus triumphantly passed its second reading its chance of being considered in committee of the whole is regarded as very remote. It is not believed that the Government will grant the necessary facilities as it is a private member's measure, and Government bills already before the House are of absorbing interest and urgency. In this case the bill will be shelved

The House was in a hilarious mood throughout, and the members laughed like boys at every opportunity, and as the riends and foes of the bill alike pitched their speeches in a humorous key opporfunities abounded. Mr. Eugene Wason demurely quoted Dryden to the effect that woman's one great desire is sovereignty. "That means," he added, dropping suddenly from poetical heights, "getting you under their thumb and keeping you there."

Thomas Kettle, an eloquent young Nationalist, rleaded the cause of woman in a rich Irish brogue. He said it had been urged that women would depress the intelligence of the House of Commons, but that was impossible. They might raise its moral tone. It had also been urged that women were a temptation, but, said Mr. Kettle dryly, individuals must grapple with that temptation as best they can.

Mr. John Rees admitted that woman is a good thing and that a petticoat is a good thing, but it did not follow that woman suffrage or petticoat government was a good thing.

Herbert Gladstone, Home Secretary, said the Government would accept the same course as last year and leave the decision to the views of individual memhers. Personally he was entirely in favor of the principle of the bill. There was a great and growing movement in favor of granting the franchise to women, but they acked numbers so far. He expressed the hope that the present debate would help

and Shetland, in moving the rejection of the bill urged upon the Scottish members. who had, he said, great belief in the sanctity of the Scriptures, that there was nothing in the Scriptures to warrant the proposed measure. They were, on the contrary, very much against it. There could be no legislative peace unless the sexes should be kept as far apart as possible. Granting the women a vote would be attended by peril to the country.

Charles Mallet, member for Plymouth n seconding the motion to reject the bill referred to the generous franchise in the Western States of America and urged that the experience of woman suffrage there was no encouragement to support the measure here

The suffragette leaders recognize that the bill is likely to be shelved, and while they are gratified that the bill has passed its second reading they are disappointed that it was not sent to the standing committee. They reaffirm their determination to demand that the Government adopt the bill and say if it does not they will carry on a war to the knife.

Evidence of this was given to-night at a free trade meeting, which was addressed by Lloyd-George, President of the Board f Trade. Despite the fact that he supperted a bill in the afternoon's division he ras continually interrupted by demands for "votes for women." Most of the interrupters were male supporters of the suffragettes. They were promptly ejected.

TRIES SUICIDE IN A STREET CAR. Acid From Mrs. Hirsen's Bottle Burn

Hands of Husband and Conductor. Mrs Rosie Hirsch of 411 East Twentyfourth street had her husband, Herman, a blacksmith, up in the Yorkville police court yesterday afternoon on a charge of non-support. The Magistrate after advising the couple to patch up their differences dismissed the case and they took a southbound second avenue car for home. Their three children, ranging in age from to 8 years, were with them, and the car was filled with passengers.

At Forty-third street Mrs. Hirsch, who

had been crying, jumped up and pulled a bottle from her muff. Before her husband could stop her she had swallowed part of the contents. The husband and conductor had to struggle with her before they could get the bottle. It contained carbolic acid.

The passengers were greatly excited The passengers were greatly excited and one or two women fainted. The acid

Two larger ships of 18,000 tons each in the struggle got on the hands of the conductor and husband and burned them are rapidly approaching completion at Stettin and Kiel. An ambulance took the would-be suicide to Bellevue, where it was said she would

\$100,000 FOR WRECK CLAIMS

Southern Pacific Settles Damages Due t Honda Accident to Shriners' Train READING, Pa., Feb. 28 .- Nearly all the claims of Reading people arising out of the Shriners' train wreck at Honda, Cal., were settled to-day by the agents of the Southern

Pacific Railroad Company. They paid out in Reading approximately \$80,000.

There were thirty-six claims made by Reading people, twenty for deaths and sixteen for personal injuries. All the latter have been adjusted and there remain only three of the death claims to be settled.

Elsewhere in eastern Pennsylvania they naid out \$20,000.

COED DEBATER DIDN'T WIN. TO PAY C. T. BARNEY'S DEBTS Columbia, With Her Chinaman, Victor Over Cornell and Miss Cook.

a two to one decision of the judges. The

question discussed was the Federal licensing

of corporations doing an interstate business.

team and of K. Wellington Kee on the

Columbia team added picturesqueness

Miss Cook was one of the hest speakers

The Cornell argument dealt with the

ther said that by a Federal license law,

which made publicity a condition prece-

dent, all of the States would be placed

in a position to meet the problem. At

present State laws were too diverse and

Columbia said that the States could con-

Mr. Kee said: "If people want to buy

overcapitalized stock they will. It is

psychological rather than a financial prob-

The Cornell team was composed of Miss

Cook, David T. Smith and Henry T. Kent.

The Columbia team was made up of McAl-

lister Coleman, K. Wellington Kee and

Dudley Latham. The judges were Dean

Carlos C. Alden of the Buffalo Law School,

ANOTHER MESSAGE COMING.

It Will Urge the Authorization of Four

Battleships Instead of Two.

Washington, Feb. 28.-President Roose

relt intends to send a special message to

Congress urging that an appropriation

be made for the construction of four battle-

ships of the Delaware class. This action

on the President's part will be based on that

soon to be reported in regard to new con-

clause appropriating money for building

them, leaving the appropriation to be made

The attitude of the Naval Committee is

Cannon and other House leaders, but with-

out any apparent effect upon the stand they

have taken against a heavy appropriation

for armored vessels at this time. Repre-

of the navy, is a member of the Naval Com-

battleships have impressed the President

greatly. But somehow Speaker Cannon

and the House leaders are not impressed

with the idea that Mr. Hobson's judgment

should override their own, and it is under-

stood that the President knows that they

However, in order to make good his con-

built the President will send a special me

sage on the subject to the House or to both

MAY BE 90 MINERS DEAD

In Gas Explosion in Mexican Mine-Report

More Than 100 Others Are Entombed.

MONTEREY, Mexico, Feb. 28.--An explo

sion of gas in one of the coal mines of the

yesterday morning. News of the happen-

It is stated that 225 men were in the

workings of the mine when an explosion

of gas occurred, shaking the country for

some distance around. Rescuing parties

advices received here the imprisoned or

The explosion wrecked the timbers of

the shaft and compartments and it will

A special train from Ciudad Porfirio Diaz

conveying nurses and physicians went to

LAREDO, Tex., Feb. 28.-Information

reaches this city through Federal Tele-

graph sources to the effect that the explo-

sion in the Sabinas mine at La Rosita,

Mexico, has resulted in a large loss of life.

Reports by the Federal Telegraph opera-

tors place the loss of life at from forty to

The mine is owned by the Monterey Stee

Company and ordinarily employs a force

of 250 miners, mostly Japanese and Mexi-

cans. The Federal Government has taken

GERMANY'S DREADNOUGHTS.

Programme of Formidable Battleship

Launchings, Starting With That of May 3.

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—Germany's first coun-

rpart of the British battleship Dread-

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

nought, which has been provisionally

named the Ersatz Bayern, will be launched

at Wilhelmshafen on May 3. She is of 17.960

tons and will have a speed of nineteen knots.

Ersatz Sachsen, will follow shortly at Bremen.

These will be eclipsed later by two ves

MORE TRAINS TO BRIGHTON.

P. S. Commission Peremptorily Orders a

Increase of 20 Per Cent.

the Brooklyn Union Elevated Railroad to

make an increase of about 20 per cent. in

the number of the trains operated on the

Brighton Beach line. The order is to take effect on March 6.

borough company immediately to con-struct additional stairways at the subway stations at 137th and 145th streets. The cost of the improvements will be about \$23,000 and will be paid for by the city under heading of extras.

The Public Service Commission issued

peremptory order yesterday directing

The launching of a companion ship, the

charge of the situation.

sels of 20,000 tons each.

the scene shortly after the accident oc-

dead miners have not yet been rescued.

take some time to clear away the débria

ing has just reached here.

feel that way about it.

about \$103,000,000.

at the second session of the present Con-

and the Rev. Robert Freeman of Buffalo.

man, spoke beneath a big American flag.

perve were remarkable.

not clear enough

fusion with the State laws.

The presence of Miss Cook on the Cornell

ITHACA, Feb. 28 .- Despite the able argu-CORPORATION FORMED TO ASment of Miss Elizabeth Cook, Cornell's SUME SUICIDE'S OBLIGATIONS. coed debater, the Cornell team was defeated by Columbia's orators to-night by

Plan Submitted to Justice Clarke by the Temporary Receivers of the Knickerbocker and Indorsed by the Executors -Court Approves the Application.

In a petition filed yesterday with Supreme Court Justice Clark in Richmond county the details of the plan of organization of the Barney Estates Company, which has been formed to pay the debts of the financier, were given by the temporary receivers of the Knickerbooker Trust Company, who asked permission of the court to substitute bonds and notes of the estate for the various forms of indebtedness. Justice Clark granted the application.

The petition also announced that the estate was ready to have charged to it claims of the Knickerbocker Trust Company against other persons, because Charles T. Barney through dummies had obtained such loans from the Knickerbocker.

trol the situation now, that there was no need for more legislation, that Federal Among such loans were enumerated license would not meet the situation anynotes amounting to \$700,000, discounted way and that it would cause great confor the firm of Rogers & Gould of 71 Broadway, in which Barney and his son were interested. Another indebtedness was a claim of \$70,000 against W. B. Warren and a note of \$104,000, discounted by the trust company for Ashbel H. Barney.

In addition the petition admitted contingent liabilities of about half a million dollars, which the estate was prepared to

The petition and affidavits submitted by Bishop Charles Tyler Olmsted of Utica executors and members of the committee of creditors give every detail of the assets and liabilities. They show that Barney had the following debts at the time of his

death Secured bank loans, \$3,366,000; Rogers & Gould account, \$769,000; unsecured loans, \$164,000; loans secured by mortgages.

To secure that indebtedness the estate ompany is ready to permit the creditors to hold whatever securities they still have portion of the naval appropriation bill and, except in cases where the creditors have mortgages, to give notes for the loans with interest at 6 per cent. and destruction. The Committee on Naval Affairs will include in the bill an authorization for benture bonds amounting to 20 per cent. the construction of two battleships but no of the loans as margin.

The petition filed with the court goes into complete history of the obligations of Barney at the time he killed himself. It tells how Rogers and Gould had borrowed \$700,000 from the trust company on notes due January 8, 13, 22 and 24, 1908, and one ery unsatisfactor; to the President and this fact has been made known to Speaker demand note, all amounting to \$700,000, and had deposited as security for those notes securities of which the market value now is about \$502,800. Following is a list of the securities, with market prices sentative Richmond Pearson Hobson of at the time of the last sale or likely selling Alabama, who sunk the Merrimac in the | prices now, as estimated by the receivers:

harbor of Santiago when he was an officer 885 shares N. Y. & Imp. Co. at \$50 8850 shares Am, Ice Co. common 830 shares W. B. Realty at \$30. mittee and his arguments in favor of four 1900 shares Butterick Pub. Co. at \$12. \$82,800 Nan P. C. & G. Co. 1st 5s at \$50 \$50,500 N. J. Term, D. & I. 1st 5s at 20. 10,100 274 shares N. Y. Mort. & Sec. Co. at 130. 200 shares Century Realty Co. at 150. \$129 000 Am. Ice deb. 6s at 55. 230 shares Mich. Stand. Tel. Co. com at 40 11 shares Mich. Stand. Tel. Co. pf at 180 ... \$3,000 Stand, Cordage 1st 5s at 20 570 shares Bklyn. C. R. R. par \$10 at \$18 tention that four battleships should be 32 shares U. S. Steel pf at 90 100 shares Corn Prod. Ref. Co. com at 10 Senate and House after the naval bill has been reported. The bill will carry appro-56,000 Bklyn Union Gas 5s at 95 10 shares U. S. Rub. 1st pf at 80. priations for naval purposes aggregating 150 shares U. S. Steel com. at 27 100 shares Inter Nickel at 80. 4 shares Nat. Bank of No. Am. at 90. 10 shares Albany Trust Co. at 150..... 0 shares Schenectady Tr. Co. at 140 o shares Troy Trust Co. at 150. 20 shares Chemung Canal Tr. Co. at 200. 00 shares North Am. Lead Co. at 50 .. \$2,000 Wheeling & Lake Erie 4s at 70. 25 shares North Am. Co. at 44 Sabinas Coal Company at La Rosita, 100 \$10,000 Guanajuato Ref. & M. at 50 5,000 miles northwest of here, took place early \$30,000 Atlas Corp. 1st 6s. no value......

100 shares Western Md. at 10 Barney was indebted at the time to Rogers & Gould. An affidavit shows the firm was authorized to begin business in February of last year with \$100,000 capital set to work soon afterward. According to stock paid in by Barney and his son

Ashbel. Charles T. Barney, on October 22 last, was indebted to the firm for \$775,000, se cured in part by stocks and bonds deposited with the firm, but with the major part redeposited with the Knickerbocker Trust Company by the firm, with the consent of

The petition and accompanying affidavits admit that Barney was indebted to the company for certain underwritings, naming the General Securities Company, Susquehanna Contracting Company, Dean Alvord Syndicate, John O. Baker Com pany and Union Construction Company.

PASTOR SAPHORE WON'T RESIGN. But He Intended to Because of Stories Tha He Had Tried to Kiss a Girl.

SYRACUSE, Feb. 28 .- Because of the circulation of a report that he had asked seventeen-year-old Viola Hayes, one of his parishioners, to kiss him good-night two weeks ago the Rev. E. Warren Saphore of weeks ago the kev. E. warren Saphore of
All Saints' Episcopal Church has called a
meeting of the vestrymen of his church for
to-morrow to act on his resignation. Tonight, acting on the advice of Bishop Charles
T. Oimsted of Utica, and in view of the
fact that the matter had become public,
Mr. Saphore said he had decided not to
present the resignation.

Two weeks ago Mr. Saphore accompanied the young woman part way home through a lonely part of the city. The young woman remarked that young men did not accom-pany her home. "Well, I don't suppose you let the young men kiss you good-night when they do see you home?" Mr. Saphore

She responded that she did not. "You wouldn't make an exception of me? said Mr. Saphore.

Mr. Saphore says he instantly saw that the Mr. Saphore says he histantly saw that the girl took him seriously and assured her that he was jesting and no offence was in-tended and he apologized. Then she thanked him for coming home with her and

thanked him for coming home with her and they said good-night.

Miss Hayes says she at once told her mother of what took place between her and the rector. On the following Monday nights she attended the Girls' Friendly Society and told her story to those present. The next day she wrote Mr. Saphore a letter asking for her letter of withdrawal, because she could not attend a church of which he was rector. A member of the which he was rector. A member of the parish asked him if he had heard the stories. Thursday Mr. Saphore called on the girl and her mother and profoundly apologized and asked that the talk be stopped. But

ACCEPT WESTINGHOUSE TERMS. LOSES HER CONVICT HUSBAND Creditors' Committee Agree to Plan Submitted in December.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 28.-At a meeting today of the committee of creditors of the Westinghouse Machine Company, the \$23,-000,000 corporation which has been in the hands of a receiver since October 23 last, it was decided to take the property out of the hands of the receiver at once.

The creditors' committee, who represent Boston, Philadelphia, New York and Pittsburg interests, were practically unanimous in their vote to accept the plans for reorganization and extension which were sub mitted to them on December 24.

By the terms of the agreement creditors whose accounts do not amount to \$500 will be paid in cash, while those holding larger than \$500 claims will accept a \$500 bond for each \$500 they claim, the excess over a \$500 multiple to be paid in cash. The bonds are to run for three years and bear 6 per cent, interest.

There will be arranged for, on these terms, about \$7,000,000 debts. It was announced this evening that the next move would be to go into court and ask for the dismissal of the receivers.

MEXICO BALKS OUR MARINES. They Won't Be Permitted to Have Small Arms Practice at Magdalena Bay.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28.-The Mexican Sovernment has denied the application of the United States Government to permit the marines of the American fleet of battleships to engage in small arms practice upon the peninsula of Lower California at the Bay of Magdalena.

The request for this privilege is said to have been made by Secretary Root at the time he applied for the concession for a coaling station in the Bay of Magdalena.

CHINA ASKS NO HELP OF US. Wu Ting-fang Denies That There's Any Trouble Over Manchuria.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28 .- Wu Ting-fang, Chinese Minister to the United States, who arrived to-day on the steamer Siberia, denied that he was bringing an appeal to Washington from his Government to help China in checking Japan's aggression in

"Most cordial relations exist between China and Japan," declared the Minister. and I regret very much the circulation of any report to the contrary. It has been said that certain countries are being discriminated against in Manchurian trade, but if such a condition of affairs exists I have no knowledge of it. I bear no petition to America for aid, as any trouble which may have existed between the Chinese and the Japanese as far as Manchurian trade is concerned is merely local.

"The Chinese have taken no steps toward preparing any petition for aid against the Japanese. The open door policy is in effect in Manchuria and all countries are free to establish trade there.'

China is taking steps to perfect its army, the new Minister said. He refused to go into details, however. He denounced as absurd the stories of possible hostilities between China and Japan. The Chamber of Commerce to-night will

give a banquet in honor of the Minister at the St. Francis Hotel, at which seventyfive guests will be prese ANOTHER SPANISH BABY.

Announcement Expected That Will Mean Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN MADRID, Feb. 28 .- An announcement

is expected in the Gazette that Queen Victoria is again to become a mother. Dr. Gutierrez, the court physician, has gone to Seville, where her Majesty is staying.

CANADA'S UNWEARIED COMMONS Deadlock Over Marine Bills Lasts More

Than 24 Hours and Isn't Over Yet. OTTAWA, Feb. 28.-The House of Commons at 11:30 o'clock to-night still is sitting, not having risen since 8 o'clock last night, when its record breaking session began. There have been late and early sittings since the remedial bill was under discussion in 1896, but there never has been a fight such as has taken place since last night.

The opposition, led by Mr. Foster, declined to vote supplies to the Marine Department, holding up especially the item of \$50,000 for policing the Hudson Bay. The debate ranged over the whole field of the department's work.

The parties were arranged in relays, and through the small hours and until breakfast time the same tales were told many times and the debate covered nearly every sgandal ever charged against the Govern

STUSS OVER M'CUE'S SALOON, Raid Starts Report Involving Names Lantry and Murphy

Inspector Richard Walsh and several detectives made a raid on a stuss game over the saloon of Assemblyman Marty McCue at Third avenue and Forty-fourth street yesterday afternoon. There was a report about the Yorkville police court when the prisoners were taken there that there was something more than police reasons for making the raid.

McCue was one of Francis J. Lantry's strongest supporters when Lantry was Fire Commissioner and was making a fight against Charles F. Murchy. Since Lantry got out of the Fire Department the police have been keeping a close watch on McCue's salcon.

It developed, however, that the Assemblyman had nothing to do with the room which the card playing was supposed to have taken place. William Dalton, John have taken place. William Dalton, John Hannigan, Frederick Baar and George Brown were the prisoners. Dalton said he occupied the room in which the arrest was made.

Inspector Walsh asked for an adjourn-ment of the examination so that he could get his evidence in shape.

"To-morrow is my last day here. I think you want to take this case away from me," Magistrate Crane said to Lawyer Frauenthal, who acted for the prisoners and who had asked to have the examination go over until Monday.

until Monday. "That is so. I would like to have it come before another Magistrate," responded the "Well, I will set the hearing for to-mor-row morning," the Court announced.

Pennsylvania Wins From Columbia in De bate.

The annual intercollegiate debate tween Columbia University and the University of Pennsylvania was heard last night at the Horace Mann Auditorium. The subject for debate was "Resolvad.
That, all questions of constitutionaity
being put aside, Congress should require
all corporations engaged in interstate business to take out a Federal license."
The University of Pennsylvania supported the negative and won.

troller of the Currency.

MARRIAGE OF EDITH GAMBLE TO FITZGERALD ANNULLED.

He Pretended to Be a Relative of the Marquis of Lansdowne and to Be a Lawyer of Note-Was Really a Shyster and Did Time for Suborning Perjury.

The marriage of Edith D. Gamble, daughter of Andrew Gamble, a well to do commission merchant, to David C. Fitzgerald was annulled yesterday by a decree signed by Justice Hendrick in the Supreme Court. The marriage occurred on November 29,

Fitzgerald was a practising attorney in Buffalo at the time of the wedding and for Miss Gamble's benefit he mailed her a copy of the Albany Journal, dated January 7, 1999, in which was set forth a supposed review of his career. This eloquent article told how Fitzgerald had been graduated from the Royal University of Ireland and also from Trinity College, Dublin, and Oxford University. He had also been, as the story told, an Ensign in the British navy and had been admitted as a solicitor and a barrister at the English bar

Furthermore, according to this account, Fitzgerald was a communicant of the Methodist Church, a man of heroic achievements in both private and public life and, best of all, a cousin of the Marquis of Lansdowne and therefore intimately related to the British nobility at large On the strength of this record the Albany Journal went on to say Mr. Fitzgerald had been admitted to practise in the New York Supreme Court and had attained an international reputa-

tion as a lawyer and a gentleman. This biography was copied by several papers in Albany and adjacent counties and Miss Gamble, receiving the clippings, believed it all. The additional details concerning his supposed career told how he had saved a drowning woman at the imminent risk of his own life and had stopped a pair of wild runaway horses to save two women. Later there appeared other articles which told that the eminent counsellor David C. Fitzgerald had been retained to prosecute an action to recover some \$15,000,000 from the estate of one William McMahon

Influenced by all these apparently correct statements of his greatness Miss Gamble was persuaded to become Fitzgerald's wife. but it took her several years to find out that he was a fraud. She knew nothing definite till he was sent away to Sing Sing in 1901 to serve four years on a charge of subornation of perjury. When he was released he stuck her with a check for \$150 and disappeared. She believes that he is now passing under the name of Donald Fitzgerald.

The investigations made by her relatives and herself while Fitzgerald was in jail developed the facts that the supposed member of the British nobility was nothing more than a shyster lawyer of the worst kind, without any record save a criminal one. He had defrauded the heirs of Bernard Farren, it was ascertained, while acting in 1896 as executor of the estate. He had also forged a power of attorney and a mortgage and had persuaded a client of his to swear falsely in a suit over a promissory note. Another of his operations involved a divorce mill on easy terms in

Justice John Woodward of the Supreme Court was a witness on the trial of the suit for annulment to deny Fitzgerald's statement that Justice Woodward knew all the facts of Fitzgerald's career and would vouch for the accuracy of the biography published by the Albany Journal. Justice Hendrick, in granting the decree of annul ment, said that he was convinced that Miss Gamble would never have married Fitzgerald but for the latter's false representations as to his character and antecedents and that she had left him as soon as she learned definitely of the deceptions he had practised on her.

BOMB THROWN AT SHAR'S AUTO.

Persian Menarch Not in It-Twelve Per-Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

TEHERAN, Feb. 28.—Another attempt was made to-day to assassinate the Shah. While he was driving in a narrow street a bomb was thrown from a housetop, striking near a motor car preceding the Shah's carriage, which was some distance behind. The

Shah was uninjured. The chauffeur of the motor car and about twenty others were wounded. The Shah alighted from his carriage and entered the nearest house, which was shortly afterward surrounded by guards. His Majesty after a while left the house and proceeded to the

palace, which he reached in safety. A search of the house from the roof of which the bombs were thrown proved fruitless. No suspicious characters were

It is known that twelve persons were killed besides some horses. A number of windows were smashed by the force of the explosion. Immediately after the bomb was thrown the tribal cavalry who were escorting the Shah, broke ranks and fired in all directions. The Shah returned to

the ralace on foot. The troops have been called out. Troubes are exrected. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 .- The official report of the attempt to assassinate the Shah of Persia was received at the State Department to-day from John B. Jackson, the American Minister at Teheran. His

at Shah's carriage. Several persons killed, but his Majesty not injured." As soon as this despatch was received Secretary of State Root sent a message to the Shah of Persia congratulating him on his narrow escape from death.

despatch was as follows: "Bomb thrown

Gen. Morteza Khan, the Persian Minister to the United States, said to-night that he had not received any official informa tion of the attempt to assassinate the Shah. He was at a loss, he said, to account for the attempt upon the life of the Shah.

\$1,000,000 to Fight Prohibition

ng of the Texas Brewers Association today \$1,000,000 was pledged to combat pro-hibition in Alabama, Georgia and Mis-sissippi. The Texas brewers believe that a crusade against disreputable resorts and unclean saloons is the most effective weapon to fight prohibition.

TO PHILADEL PHIA EVERY HOUR on the hour, in two hours. See New Jersey Central schedule, page 9. THOSE WHO CHOOSE IT ALWAYS USE IT:—Ads.

RIDGELY TO RETIRE SOON. L. O. Murray Will Succeed Him as Comp

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2° .- It may now be stated on excellent authority that Lawrence O. Murray of New York, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor, will succeed William B. Ridgely of Illinois as Comptroller of the Currency. Mr. Ridgely will soon retire to accept a place in a large business institution. Mr. Murray, who will be named as his successor, is a native of Steuben county, New York. He served as

Cleveland. Mr. Murray is a close personal friend of Cortelyou selected Mr. Murray for the office of Assistant Secretary of Commerce timacy with President Roosevelt and is a member of the so-called tennis cabinet. Administration.

TO SUPERSEDE JACKSON.

Tax Commission Asks for Special Counsel to Collect Taxes From Corporations.

ALBANY, Feb. 28 -Owing to the failure f Attorney-General Jackson to prosecute the litigation of the State Tax Commission and collect the millions due the municipalities of the State from the public service corporations the Tax Commission has felt compelled to ask the Legislature to provide it with special counsel to look after this phase of the special franchise tax question. Majority Leader Merritt of the Assembly to-day introduced a bill authorizing the commission to have its own counsel at a salary of \$5,000 a year. Nearly \$20,-000,000 in taxes is due New York city alone.

AN INTENDING REGICIDE?

At Any Event the Madrid Police Took No Chances With Theatre Lotterer. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 29 .- A despatch to the Daily Mail from Madrid says that King Alfonso attended the Comedia Theatre Sunday night last. As his carriage drew up to the entrance a man with his hands in his pockets approached him. The police immediately seized the man-

Nothing regarding him has been divulged officially, but those well informed say he is a dangerous anarchist and that he was aiming at the King's life

EDISON IS BETTER. Doctors Say There is Every Reason to

Expect His Recovery. The condition of Thomas A. Edison was not so grave yesterday, as he rallied sylendidly from the operation of Thursday night. Dr. Arthur B. Duel, who performed both or erations at the Manhattan Fye, Far and Throat Hosrital, issued this bulletin yes-

terday morning: "Mr. Edison passed a very comfortable aight. His temperature is normal and his general condition is excellent."

Later Dr. Duel said he was much pleased with Mr. Edison's condition and could see no reason why he should not continue to

convalence. The last bulletin issued by Dr. Duel yes

terday was given out at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when he said "Mr. Edison's condition is normal. in fine spirits. expect that he will recover."

At the hospital last night it was resting comfortably.

FIRE IN NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL. Ninety Patients Carried Out, but Some May Die of Shock

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 28 .- Fire in Grace Hospital to-day did \$25,000 damage. The ninety patients were removed. Officials of the hospital stated to-night that ten patients were in a critical condition as a result of the shock and would probably

Members of the senior class in the Yale medical school were at recitation to Prof. Bartlett when word came that the hospital was on fire. The students were dismissed to aid in carrying out the patients and

attending them afterward. The blaze started in apartments occupied by employees. Soon after it was discovered there were two explosions in that part of the building, one of them blowing off part of the roof. No one could tell to-night what caused the explosions.

FIVE BABIES AT A BIRTH. Mother Weighs Less Than 100 Pounds -Twins and Triplets Run in Family.

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio, Feb. 28 -Five perfeetly formed children were born here today to Mrs. George Campbell. Three of the lables died within an hour. One boy and one girl will live, the physicians think. Mrs. Campbell weighs less than 100 pounds combined weight of the infants

twenty-three pounds Campbell, who is a mill worker, has four brothers. In the families of two of these twins have been born and each of the other prothers is the father of triplets. s the father of triplets. Camp-

mother of triplets. Campbell was for twelve years in the United States Navy and fought under Schiey off Santiago. Two of his brothers Schley off Santiago. Two of his brothers are now with Admiral E. ans's fleet in the

NEW SCOUT SHIP IS SWIFT. The Chester Makes a Mile at the Rate 26.21 Knets an Hour.

ROCKLAND, Me., Feb. 28 .- A magnificent showing was made by the scout cruiser Chester in her official screw standardization trials to-day. The mean of her highest five runs over the mile course, when cor-rected, probably will show a speed of twenty-five knots an hour, a knot in exess of her contract requiren

runs were made over the course. The fastest mile, uncorrected, was at the rate of 26.21 knots an hour, and another fast mile was made at the rate of 26.14 knots an hour. The anchor tests followed and were successful. The Chester left at sunset to-night for

an endurance and coal consumption trial of twenty-four hours at sea at an average

speed of twelve knots an hour Against Judge Quashed.

CHARLESTON, Ill., Feb. 28.-Judge M. W. Thompson in the Circuit Court of Gales county late to-day quashed the indict-ments charging United States Circuit Judge Peter S. Grosscup and four other prom-iment Chicago men with criminal care-lessness and manslaughter because of a trolley accident on a road in which they are

RECEIVERS FOR THE ORIENTAL

SATUEDAY, PERSUARY 39, 1909, Fair and slightly warmer to-day; rain or snow and warmer to-merrow; easterly winds.

> JACKSON JUMPS IN AND BLOCKS THE RESUMPTION PLAN.

Justice Platzek Names Carnegie Trust Co. and Henry Schneider, a Real Estate Man-Bank's Atterneys Declare That

Jackson Broke Faith With Them

Attorney-Ceneral Jackson surprised the depositors, directors and officers of the Oriental Bank yesterday by applying for Deputy Comptroller of the Currency during | the appointment of receivers at the very the second Administration of President ; time that the directors, with the full knowledge of Superintendent of Banks Clark Williams, were concluding arrangements Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou. Mr. | for the liquidation of the bank by the Metropolitan Trust Company and the full and early payment of all the deposits and Labor. Mr. Murray is on terms of in- The Attorney-General got receivers appointed by making a sudden, and to all the interested parties entirely unexpected. which is made up of the younger set of the application to Supreme Court Justice

Platzek late yesterday afternoon. The receivers are the Carnegie Trus Company and Henry Schneider, a real estate dealer with an office at 114 Fifth avenue Charles C. Dickinson, the organizer of the Carnegie Trust Company and the actual president since the perfection of plans for Leslie M Shaw's retirement on March 1, said last night that he had not been consulted about the appointment of the trust company as one of the receivers As far as he knew, he added, no officer of the trust company had knowledge of the proceedings before they were brought in

What the other receiver knew about it is unknown. He was not at his home last night. Schneider lives on the second floor of the apartment house at 139 East Sixteenth street. He is the agent of the house and one adjoining, which is owned by the Schmingler estate. It is said that he has been identified with the Hearst party.

But apart from him it was perfectly apparent that none of the parties chiefly interested in the institution had been consulted. Clark Williams, State Superintendent of Banks, wrote a letter to the Attorney-General immediately upon receipt of the news that Mr. Jackson had acted. Mr. Williams would not give out the text of the letter last night. That, he said. was a matter for the Attorney-General to consider. It is known, however, that he was not consulted directly or indirectly regarding the appointment of receivers, but, conversely, was paying attention to plans for the resumption of the bank and was very much encouraged over the success of the negotiations. Apparently the Superintendent of Banks was puzzled and displeased.

Philbin, Beekman & Menken, attorneys for Bugh Kelly, the president, and other directors who were working to rehabilitate the Oriental, said last night that they would make application in court to-day for a discharge of the receivers and would endeavor to ascertain something of reasons for the Attorney-General's application. S. Stanwood Menken of that firm gave out this statement as expressing the deas of his clients:

"The officers of the Oriental Rank were served with an order late in the afternoon of Friday, February 28, appointing the Carnegie Trust Company and Henry Schneider temporary receivers of its assets at the st of the Attorney-General.

"The application for the appointment of receivers on the part of the Attorney-General came as an absolute surprise to the officers of the bank, as an arrangement had been made one week ago between the bank and the Metropolitan Trust Company, which had received the approval of the executive committee of the trust company providing for immediate payment in full by the Metropolitan Trust Company of all the depositors and creditors of the Oriental Bank.

"This plan of paying the depositors had received the approval of the Banking Department, subject to its acceptance by the Attorney-General as to legalities, and the terms of the agreement with the Metropolitan Trust Company had been ratified by over 70 per cent. of the stockholders of the Oriental Bank at a meeting held on Weinesday February 26, 1998.

"The details of the agreement with the Metropolitan Trust Company were aubmitted to the Attorney-General by two letters-one written on February 25 and the other written on February 26-in which his attention was particularly called to the fact that the plan provided for the im-mediate payment of all the depositors of

the bank. "It was found necessary to submit the plan by letter to the Attorney-General, as the counsel for the bank found it impossible to make an appointment with him in spite of continuous and persistent efforts so to do for over three days.

"Shortly after the bank closed its doors an examination of its affairs was made by Mesers. Barrow, Wade & Guthrie, the well known firm of certified public accountants, who reported that the capital of the bank, amounting to \$750,000, was unimpaired, and in addition thereto that there was a surplus of considerably over \$700,000.

"For the further protection of the Metropolitan Trust Company certain of the directors of the bank had agreed to execute a bond of \$500,000 to protect it against any possible loss by reason of the payment of the depositors of the bank.

"The letter which wa written to the Attorney-General on February 26 is as follows:

Hon. William Schuyler Jackson, General, State of New York, 280 Broadway. day in regard to the agreement of the Vetro-politan Trust company to furnish funds for the payment of all the obligations of the Oriental Bank, we would say that we would appreciate hearing from you, if possible, upon receipt of this letter, as to whether the proposed plan meets your satisfaction. The same has been agreed to by the trust company in writing, and their attorneys have prepared a formal agreement, which merely waits you

approval of the plan before being signed. The stockholders of the Criental Bank are pursuant to notice, to meet to-day at 120 clock and we are anxious to learn prior to the meet ing whether there is any step which you wish taken or any formality which you wish complied with, in order that the proposed plan may have your entire approval

We would further say that this entire plan has been submitted to the Hon. Clark Willfams, Superintendent of Banking, and he advises us that the same is satisfactory to him if approved by you.

The trust company has intimated to us that

they are anxious to close this matter, and we deem it of serious importance to the thousands of depositors of the riental Bank that the same be disposed of at once.

I rusting that you will be able to favor us